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Sir:

The attached Information Disclosure Statement was filed on April 4, 2001.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the references submitted in the IDS filed April 4, 2001, and return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 marked to indicate such consideration.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned should he/she have any questions concerning this Request.

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

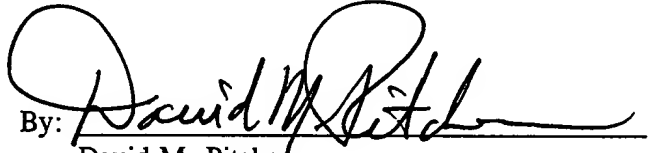
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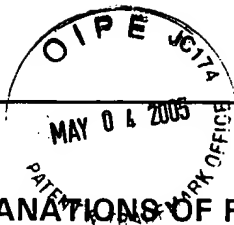
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